IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Confirmation Number: 4930

Dale W. Malik Group Art Unit: 2152

Serial No.:10/685,562 Examiner: Thomas J. Dailey

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For: Merging Instant Messaging (IM) Chat Sessions

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 31, 2008. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.